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LIGHT THE 'VILLE



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

Left: Tate Sauder, 9, cheers as the K-State Marching Band performs during the Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony in Aggieville Friday night. **Above:** A member of K-State Spirit twirls flaming batons during the parade and tree lighting, which benefited the Flint Hills Breadbasket.

Manhattan gets into holiday spirit with parade, tree lighting

Participants collect donations for Flint Hills Breadbasket

Lauren Gradert
junior staff writer

Families, couples, K-State students and Santa hat-wearing dogs sat bundled up on the curb down Moro Street awaiting a parade of Christmas lights.

The event drew people of Manhattan into Aggieville Friday night to take part in the annual Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The parade began in downtown Manhattan and made its way to Aggieville, with the tree lighting ceremony in Triangle Park taking place immediately after.

The parade and tree lighting ceremony benefited the Flint Hills Breadbasket and donations were given by many people and organizations as the parade rolled through town.

Lexie Pickering, sophomore in animal sciences and industry, said she did not need much help in getting into the holiday spirit and said she and her roommate have two Christmas trees and a constant Christmas soundtrack playing in their room. They

were among others cheering on the parade.

"I like parades and Christmas," Pickering said. "It's the perfect combination."

A color guard on horses led the parade followed by floats from local businesses, state representatives Sydney Carlin and Tom Hawk and other Manhattan organizations, all clad in an array of Christmas lights. The K-State Marching Band had the crowd cheering as the baton twirlers threw flaming batons.

Victoria Harkins, sophomore in open option and mellophone player in the marching band, participated in the parade. She said she

enjoys doing the parade, as it gives her a different perspective of the community.

"I like doing it because we get to see everyone in the community, not just the students, but the kids and families too," she said. "It's fun to do stuff for them, too."

As the parade ended with Santa on a horse-drawn sleigh, people made their way to Triangle Park for the

tree lighting and the mayor's awards for the parade.

Carolers sang and people sipped on hot cider provided by the Hospitality Management Society of K-State.

"We're all about being hospitable," Alicia Ayer, secretary of the Hospitality Management Society and senior in hotel and restaurant management, said. "It's nice for the public to be able to

enjoy stuff like this."

Kristen Case, president of the society and senior in hotel and restaurant management, said of the society's service, "We just like to get involved in this great community."

Mayor Bruce Snead speculated that the warmer weather might have contributed to the turnout of people, but many people said they would have braved the cold to enjoy the sense of community and to get into the Christmas spirit.

As children lined up to sit on Santa's lap, others gathered around in a circle to enjoy the Christmas tunes and hot cider as people cheered at the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Art museum offers family fun, creativity at holiday workshop

Children create crafts using various supplies

Taylor Manges
junior staff writer

Parents and children helped ring in the holiday season Sunday, as they gathered at the Beach Museum of Art for a night of crafts and creativity.

The event marked the seventh annual Family Holiday Workshop. Kathrine Schlageck, senior educator at the Beach Museum, is in charge every year.

"We hold the workshop annually on the first Sunday of December for the holiday workshop and February for the Valentine's workshop," Schlageck said.

She said there are two different types of programs for kids.

"One is an 'art smarts' early childhood program that involves learning goals," Schlageck said.

However, for the workshop program, Schlageck had different intentions.

"We hold the family programs because they are more open-ended, and the key is to have a lot of supplies people wouldn't have around the



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Adah Feit and her mother **Christine**, Manhattan residents, finish a reindeer at Sunday's Family Holiday Workshop.

house and to get the children to be as creative as possible," she said.

She said there are no limitations on the crafts the children can create.

For Schlageck, the importance of having this event is to bring families together during the holiday season and to increase volunteer involvement. She plans on putting the event on every year, she said.

"It's not the type of event where parents drop off their child and leave; it is a family activity for moms and dads to share time with their children, and everyone gets a chance to

make crafts," Schlageck said. "Even students can get involved."

Student Friends of the Beach Museum is an organization that, among other things, supports events by dedicating time. Members volunteer at the Family Holiday Workshop each year to help raise money for the Beach Museum.

Jenna Gentzler, senior in psychology, has volunteered at the workshop for four years.

"My favorite part about volunteering is making the

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Adviser: Fraternity's pageant recognizes beauty, intelligence



Amanda Smith, sophomore in early childhood education, competes in the swimwear portion of the Miss Black and Gold competition put on by Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., Kappa Tau chapter. This year marked the 12th competition at K-State.

Nathaniel LaRue
Collegian

K-Staters compete to win Miss Black and Gold

Sam Diederich
staff writer

Behind the stage, chaos churned like a swelling and swirling sea. Women mumbled poems like prayers, spun dance moves in cramped spaces and quietly sang to themselves the final lines of love ballads. This was one last opportunity for women in the pageant to prepare for judgment. Eventually, each one of them would be ejected from the backstage

disarray into the unblinking eye of the spotlight. Their ability to cope with such a radical change, and their grace under fire, would be the interest of the judges.

Such was life for the participants of the annual Alpha Phi Alpha Miss Black and Gold Pageant on Saturday night. The pageant featured 10 K-State students, each vying for the title of Miss Black and Gold. The event was an opportunity for the K-State community to appreciate the talent and dedication of diverse women, said Brandon Clark, adviser for the Kappa Tau chapter of the

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and coordinator for the pageant.

"It's important to recognize the beauty and intelligence of multicultural women. Historically, we have not always given them the appreciation they deserve," Clark said. "This is an opportunity to recognize what these women can do not just for K-State, but for the world."

Contestants put themselves through a series of varied tasks, including a personal introduction, a talent show, personal interviews and choreographed dances, all while wearing

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20 Oodles

22 Play-ground game

24 Rowling's Harry

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32 Entire

33 Weaving device

34 LummoX

36 English river

37 "Little Orphan —"

39 Got ripe

41 Quite small

43 Tavern

44 "Once — a time"

46 Perfect

50 Cushiony

53 Youngster

55 — Romeo (car)

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57 — out a living

58 Knitter's need

59 Deviates off course

60 Stitch

61 Affirmative action?

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2 Forehead

3 H.H. Munro pseudonym

4 Every last bit

5 Paper quantity

6 Confusion

7 9-to-5 shift, e.g.

8 Fuss

9 Red or Black

10 Superlative suffix

12 Andy Rooney's show

19 Bill

21 Heifer's mom

23 Sticky stuff

25 Go sight-seeing

26 Otherwise

27 Clarinet insert

28 Troop grp.

29 Un-escorted

30 Top-rated

31 Sweet potato

35 "Great!"

38 Kreskin's claim

40 Mai — (cocktail)

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Logan's Run

By Erin Logan



THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

THURSDAY
Clayton Michael Bartkoski, of the 1400 block of Humboldt Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$298.

Michael Joseph Maguire, of the 900 block of Kearney Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Nicholas Scott Russell, of Kansas City, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

FRIDAY
Sara Denise Matteson, of the 400 block of Wickham Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Jared Tyler Midrup, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Justin Dereke Brown, of the 900 block of Marlatt Avenue, was booked for theft. No bond was listed.

Laura Christine Livingston, of Topeka, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$750.

Sarah Andrea Sessin, of the 800 block of Ratone Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license, habitual violation and two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Ralph Francis Walters, homeless, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500.

Ashley Necol Dixon, of Moore Hall, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$305.

SATURDAY
Antonio Ricardo Bennett, of Ogden, was booked for battery, driving under the influence, fleeing or attempting to elude an officer and reckless driving. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Schlyer Dain Clark, of the 900 block of Vattier Street, was booked for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Joseph Thanh Nguyen, of the 1800 block of Hunting Avenue, was booked for sale or distribution of hallucinogens or marijuana, possession of paraphernalia to grow or distribute marijuana, tax of controlled substance and use or possession of paraphernalia to introduce into the human body. Bond was set at \$3,500.

SUNDAY
Michael Andrew Campbell, of the 900 block of Vattier Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

For the full list of arrests, visit kstatecollegian.com.

POLICE REPORTS

Woman reports TV missing

Austin Enns
senior staff writer

A local woman reported that her residence was burglarized, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the RCPD said someone entered the residence through an unsecured door and took a 46-inch Sony Bravia television, a Nintendo Wii, controllers and 15 Wii games.

The value of the missing items was estimated at \$1,445.

KenKen | Medium

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Study of shorebirds could show potential climate change effects

Stephanie Jacques
K-State Communications and Marketing

The small town of Nome on the western coast of Alaska is best known to the world as the finish line for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. But for K-State's Brett Sandercock, associate professor of biology, the area has far more importance. Every spring, thousands of migratory shorebirds fly more than 6,000 miles from the equator to Alaska to breed, but little is known about how these birds are being affected by environmental changes in the Arctic. Nearly \$500,000 in funding from the Nongame Partner Program of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Arctic Natural Sciences Office of Polar Programs through the National Science Foundation will allow Sandercock to evaluate changes in the population biology of two species of long-distance migrant shorebirds: the semipalmated sandpiper and the western sandpiper. "I think of them as the canary in the coal mine," Sandercock said. "They are the

species that are probably going to show impacts of environmental change first. In terms of wildlife conservation, it is absolutely amazing to see the enormous pulse of migratory birds moving synchronously in large flocks, although these same traits may make them vulnerable to human activities." When he began his career at K-State, Sandercock said he wanted to start a local research program, so a large portion of his current research is on grassland birds in Kansas. But his affection for the tundra, arctic weather and northern wildlife take him back to Alaska. As part of his doctoral dissertation research from 1993 to 1996, Sandercock spent time among the tundra ridges and fresh water ponds of Nome, studying sandpiper behavior. "Part of my heart has always been in the North," Sandercock said. "For me it's a chance to go back to the familiar areas and beautiful country where I worked in the past." The new funding allows Sandercock to build on the data from his graduate research and to continue his

research and teaching duties during the school year at K-State, he said. "From the first four years, we know that the birds show good site fidelity," Sandercock said. "However, there has never been baseline data for this type of study before because other researchers' previous plots in the Arctic have sometimes been affected by the expansion of surrounding towns. "My plots, though, remain unchanged, so we can actually go back and look at birds with the same study protocols that I used 15 years ago. We can make direct comparisons." The grants also give Sandercock the opportunity to purchase technology and continue to develop the Arctic Shorebird Demographics Network. This is an international program of researchers, which Sandercock and his colleagues have recruited to collect data on long-distance migrant shorebirds at Arctic sites across Alaska and northern Canada. "There is some evidence of certain groups of European birds that suggests that long-distance migrants may have

greater trouble adapting to environmental change, and some of those species are declining faster than short-distance migrants," Sandercock said. Among the high-tech devices that will be used during the new research are geo-locator tags, which measure latitude and longitude throughout the bird's migration. To track the complete migratory movements during the course of the year, the tags will be attached to the birds at the breeding site and recovered from birds returning the following year, Sandercock said. Analysis of migration patterns, and how they might differ between the two species, and among sex and age classes, will enable Sandercock to explore the different strategies the birds are using, and how those strategies might be impacted by environmental change. "I think these birds have an intrinsic value as a migratory species," Sandercock said. "Potentially they are the ones that are going to be signals of environmental change because they have less flexibility in timing their migration. Trying to understand their strategies, both in the Arctic breeding grounds and throughout migration, may help us predict or mitigate effects of environmental change in other species."



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Qi Lu Shen, left, and her son Elvin make a candy-covered graham cracker house Friday night inside the Thomas J. Frith Community Center at Jardine Apartments.

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Brice Lohman
JUNIOR, PSYCHOLOGY

"Trash can."



Wongting Qian
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"It should be stopped. I mean, it's overpopulating the earth with trash."



Tiffany McFarlane
SOPHOMORE, OPEN OPTION

OBJECTIFIED

Greek men must improve, respect female sexuality



Beth Mendenhall

As a fifth-year senior who put off all general education classes until the very end, I am getting the freshmen experience all over again. From Expository Writing I to Oceanography, I feel like I'm 18 again.

One positive to sitting in class hour after hour, waiting for someone else to work up the courage to participate, is seeing the commitment made to teaching freshmen basic cultural realities they likely didn't learn in high school. One example of this is the focus on gender, race and class issues found in the basic Expos curriculum and also in classes like Freshmen Seminar.

While teaching 18-year-olds the difference between gender and sex or the pervasive effects of classism is terribly important, these lessons might not be basic enough. In my experience, a significant portion of the college population is still a little unclear about the difference between a subject and an object and why the distinction is important.

A subject is one who acts, feels, thinks and lives from a particular perspective. A subject has dignity, worth and a valuable opinion. A subject is someone you communicate with, react and respond to. A subject is a partner, an actor, a potential friend. A subject is defined by itself.

An object, in contrast, is defined by its relationship to the subject. An object is something that is acted, felt, or thought upon. An object has no perspective, no opinion and no value except that which is instrumental to me. An object is talked at and controlled. An object is used

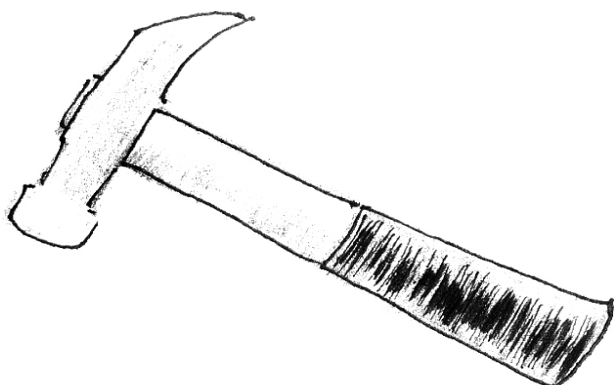
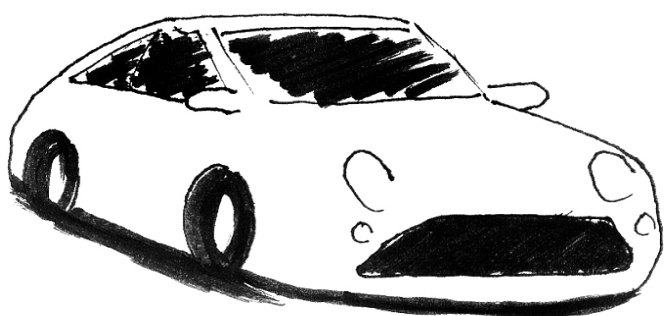
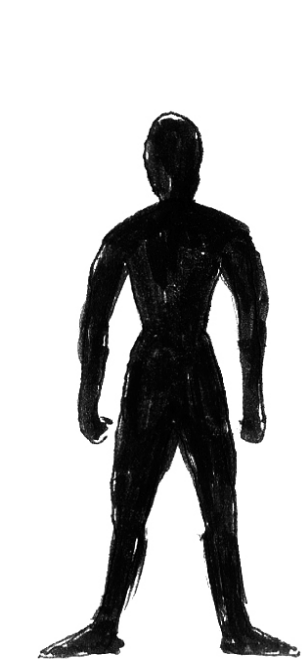


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to benefit a subject.

News flash: our sexual partners are subjects. They deserve to be treated as such.

You might be thinking, "But Beth, you are preaching to the choir. We are enlightened, modern college students."

That might be, dear reader, but that is not the face our generation is presenting to the country and ourselves. The news is rife with articles about fraternity misconduct, from the Yale chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon's recent group chants of "no means yes" and "yes means anal" (as reported by the Yale Daily News on Oct. 14), to the University of Arizona's chapter of Phi Kappa Psi suspected theft of 10,000 school newspapers to try to cover up a woman's alleged drugging at one of its parties (in the Arizona Daily Wildcat on Nov. 8, 2009).

There's also the classy e-mail sent from Duke's chapter of Sigma Nu, inviting friends and fraternity members to a party where women were told, "Whether your (sic) dressing up as a slutty nurse, a slutty doctor, a slutty schoolgirl, or just a total slut, we invite you to find shelter in the confines of Partners D," according to a Nov. 2 article in the Duke Chronicle.

Despite the K-State website's insistence to the contrary, our greek system is not immune to sexual objectification. For almost a year, I've had this terrible crawling feeling under my skin as I recall the off-hand manner in which I was personally informed that members of a particular K-State fraternity refer to women who attend its parties as "slam-pieces." That's right. Slam. Pieces. This information came from a member of the fraternity in question. Need I say more?

Yes, obviously. The hypersexual, hypercompetitive

nature of greek life makes it the perfect Petri dish for rampant sexual objectification. Fraternities can foster a highly masculine, competitive culture that rewards sexual prowess and control, while sororities from the very start foment competition over who can win the most attention with the most coveted men.

No, I'm not a member of the greek system, I'm just a student who has been here awhile and interacted in a lot of classes and at a lot of parties. The greek system isn't the only source of sexual objectification on campus, but it certainly seems highly concentrated in greek culture.

The student population needs to confront this problem head-on. Not only is sex with someone you treat as a subject more rewarding, it discourages the sexual violence and oppression that unquestionably causes

immense suffering in both women and men on campus.

One example comes from the Delta Upsilon fraternity, who recently organized a seminar for new members called "What Women Want" that invited a variety of women to a down-to-earth panel discussion about gendered social interactions. Despite its essentialism, this is definitely a step in the right direction. We need an open, specific dialog about sexual objectification on campus. The first step is to call people out who use this kind of language and those who behave as if it were an accurate description of the world.

I am not a "slam-piece," I am a human being. Your move, greek system.

Beth Mendenhall is a senior in political science and philosophy. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Spectators' trash reflects wastefulness, laziness



Balasubramany Meenakshisundaram

Right after Thanksgiving break, on Nov. 29, I helped clean up Bramlage Coliseum after the basketball game to help raise funds for an organization I am a part of.

This was my first time doing this, and maybe my expectations were far too high about the whole deal, but I found the experience quite eye-opening. The reasons and thought process behind it constitute this angry write-up. And yes, I said angry because that was how I felt most of the nearly four hours I spent in the stadium.

Our first task was to pick up the bigger trash like soda cups, paper trays in which food is served and the popcorn tubs. We emptied all soda cups into a bucket before tossing them along with the rest of the solid trash. Now that was easy, but 10 minutes into the job I came across my first soda cup — large and almost full.

Why would one buy something if he or she knows it won't even be half empty when they are done with it? Isn't that a preposterous waste of money and resources?

We tossed out tens of gallons of all sorts of pop into the drains that night, and it hurt me to do it. So much waste made me wonder, if one game day at one university wastes so much food and drink, how much would all game days together in a year waste? How much would people waste in all the games in the country in a year? How many people could we feed with that wasted food, or if not feed, how much less could we manufacture and still be self-contained?

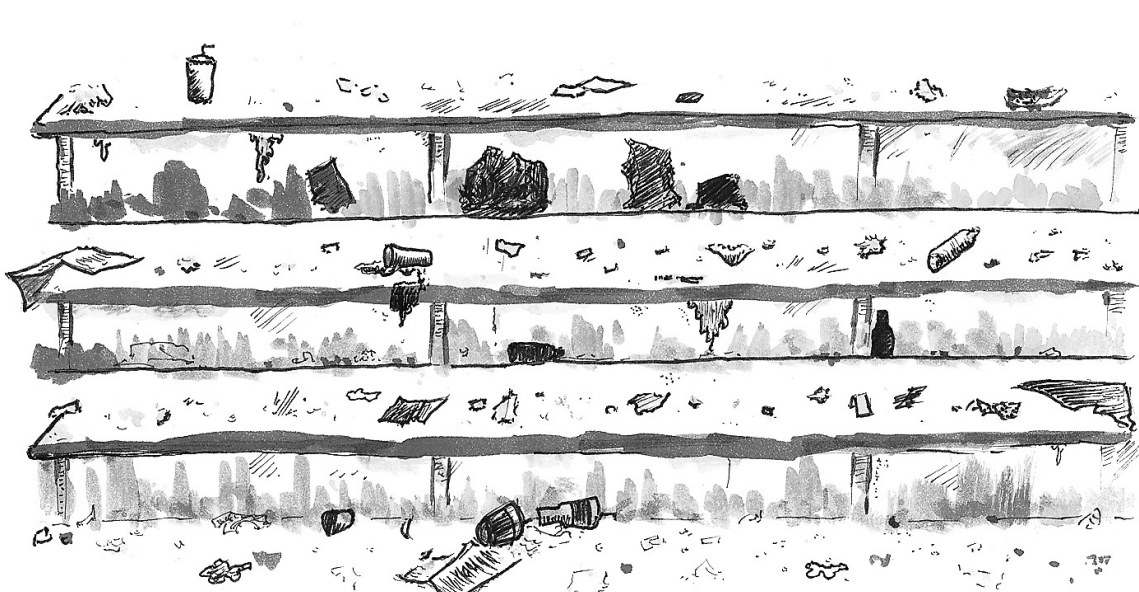


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The other extreme of this spectrum are the near empty cups. This is when it gets annoying and frustrating. There were a lot of cups that were nearly empty, with not more than a few drops of liquid left.

I found this annoying for two reasons. How hard would it be for a person who is definitely at least in his teens or older to finish those last few drops of their drinks? And how humanly impossible would it be for each spectator to carry their own trash as they walk out of the stadium and dump it in the trash on their way out? Yes, it would make my presence there unnecessary, but thinking about it, isn't that a lot better way to live your life? Most of these cleaning operations are undertaken only for the money. I honestly have no other reason or desire to be picking up other peoples' trash.

After the first task was completed, we had to sweep the aisles. That might sound easy, but it is not when there are aisles after aisles covered with newspaper shreds. The pinch in it is that it was copies of our very own Collegian. I am pretty sure people won't be reading the day's newspaper when they go to watch an intense sport like basketball. Even if they are adamant that they do, what is the reason for ripping the papers into pieces and tossing them up in the sky? I am sure the Wildcat basketball team loves our cheers, and I am also sure they do not need the newspaper confetti.

There is a sad personal rub in it for me too — unfortunately, there was an article of mine in that day's Collegian, and while we were sweeping, a friend of mine came across a little bit of paper that had my head alone in it, torn from my picture of that day's paper.

It would be great if papers were banned in game arenas. It took a crew of 12 people more than two hours just to get rid of all the paper bits strewn all over the place. I thought that was a ridiculous waste of time and effort, despite the money earned.

It is not impossible to change this. It is easy. One needs to respect our resources and the person who cleans up, even though he or she might not know who that is going to be. Also, people need to be a bit more responsible and mature and control their excitement, or at least channel it in the right way, as opposed to letting it take over and wreaking havoc.

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BATTLING

K-State utilizes key free throws to pull out a win

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Over the course of the season, the men's basketball team has struggled from the charity stripe. But Friday night, K-State drained five key free throws — two from freshman guard Will Spradling and three from senior guard Jacob Pullen. The Wildcats left the hostile environment in Pullman, Wash., with a 63-58 victory.

The game started off with a bucket from Washington State's junior guard Klay Thompson, but K-State senior forward Curtis Kelly scored seven straight points for the Wildcats. Six fast-break points and a 2-point jumper later, the Cougars took an early 10-7 lead.

K-State then went on a 9-2 run over the course of five minutes, which started with an alley-oop from Spradling to junior forward Jamar Samuels.

The Wildcats took a 30-22 halftime lead to the locker room, with Kelly leading the way with nine points and Samuels contributing seven points. Kelly finished the game with 15, while Samuels had 12.

In the second half, Kelly, Samuels, sophomore guard Rodney McGruder and Spradling did most of the scoring for K-State. The Cougars kept the game within reach, narrowing the lead to less than five points numerous times. Washington State finally took its second lead of the game, 54-53, with two and a half minutes left.

Pullen had a below-average



K-State forward **Jamar Samuels** fights for a loose ball against Emporia State guard **Matt Boswell** during the Nov. 29 game in Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats won 85-61.

age shooting night, finishing with eight points and making 8 of 11 from the field. It was only the second time he failed to finish in double figures since his sophomore season — the first time came against Duke on Nov. 22.

In the game's final two minutes, the Cougars came within two points, but the free throws made the difference in the Wildcats' victory.

It was not a pleasant night from the stripe for K-State, as it finished the game 10 for 19, matching its season percentage at 53 percent.

Despite Pullen's struggles, he stepped up in the end by knocking down three of his eight points from the charity stripe in the last 10 seconds of the game. K-State found other players to contribute points and minutes to help the team finish

strong. It was the team's first road win over a Pacific-10 Conference team since 1980, when K-State won a nail-biter against Arizona 55-53. McGruder led the way with 16 points, including five 3-pointers.

Washington State's star Thompson finished six points below his season average with 16, while junior counterpart Faisal Aden also had trouble finding the

bottom of the net, knocking down 4 of 13 shots. He ended up scoring eight points, which was 12 below his season average.

K-State outrebounded the Cougars 41-28 but turned the ball over 21 times compared to Washington State's 15 giveaways. The Wildcats also finished 7 of 22 beyond the arc, while Washington State was 3 of 16.

Wildcats to take on winless Alcorn State tonight at Bramlage

Ashley Dunkak
sports editor

The disparity between the Wildcats' Friday opponent and Monday opponent could not be greater. To begin last weekend, K-State took on undefeated Washington State in Pullman, Wash., for its first true road game of the season. Today, the Wildcats face 0-6 Alcorn State in Bramlage Coliseum.

The Braves are in the midst of a 10-game road trip and a six-game losing streak. Some of the teams more high-profile opponents have included Texas A&M, Purdue and Colorado. Before playing its first home game Jan. 4, Alcorn State will face Nebraska, South Alabama and Ole Miss. Despite what seems to be a pretty grueling schedule for a Southwestern Athletic Conference team, K-State could be the toughest team on its list this season.

Upsets happen when people least expect them, but if one takes a look at the side-by-side comparison between the Wildcats and the Braves, an upset of No. 5 K-State does not seem likely. The Wildcats are, on average, defeating opponents by about 12 points. The Braves are, on average, losing to opponents by about 30 points.

Like K-State, Alcorn State seems to be a fairly young team — seven juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen. Only one Brave is averaging in double-figures: junior guard Marquiz Baker, who is turning in an average of 15.3 points per game in about 30 minutes each outing. The Braves have another guard — who sports a 00 jersey, similar to No. 0 Jacob Pullen — listed at 5 feet 10 inches tall.

The Wildcats have two seniors, guard Pullen and forward Curtis Kelly, both preseason All-Big 12 Conference picks, and are also starting two sophomores, guards Nick Russell and Rodney McGruder. Junior transfer forward Freddy Asprilla has been coming into his own in his first year on the K-State team. In addition to the starting five, the Wildcats have three other players also averaging about 20 minutes per game — freshman guard Will Spradling, sophomore guard Martavious Irving and junior forward Jamar Samuels.

Alcorn State is averaging 58 points per game, and the Wildcats under head coach Frank Martin, are 22-0 when holding opponents under 60 points. The game is set to tip off at 7 p.m. tonight.

K-State loses to No. 18 Hawkeyes

Chris Wallace
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The K-State women's basketball team fought hard but came up short in its upset bid against the No. 18 Iowa Hawkeyes, falling 68-62 in Iowa City, Iowa.

In only the second away game of the Wildcats' season, the team went into a tough matchup, facing a crowd of more than 7,500 Hawkeyes fans.

The teams began the first half by trading baskets for a while, with Iowa leading by just two points at the first media timeout, 11-9. Iowa then began to go on a run and create some separation from the Wildcats, leading 21-13 with just more than five minutes remaining in the first half.

The Wildcats responded to close out the half. A 3-pointer from sophomore guard Taelor Karr began a 16-7 run, giving the Wildcats a 29-25 advantage at halftime.

The second half was also a back-and-forth affair, with both teams attempting to cling to slim leads at various times during the half. With 13 minutes remaining, the Wildcats trailed 39-38, which was the closest K-State came to the Hawkeyes for the rest of the way. Iowa allowed K-State to trail by two a few times throughout the half, but K-State could not retake the lead.

Three starters finished in double figures in scoring for the Wildcats, led by sophomore guard Brittany Chambers, who finished with 20



South Dakota State puts pressure on Wildcat forward **Jalana Childs** on Nov. 30 in Bramlage Coliseum. K-State won 56-51.

points. Junior forward Jalana Childs and Karr added 18 and 17 points, respectively.

One of the key areas on which the team focused for this game was limiting the Hawkeyes' success from the 3-point line, and the team succeeded in that area, holding them to just two made field goals from behind the arc. In addition to that, K-State only lost the rebounding battle 33-32, despite the Wildcats being undersized compared to

the Hawkeyes.

A major factor for the Wildcats early in the season was production from the bench. While many of the players saw time on the floor and contributed to the team, no one scored off the bench, while Iowa got six points from its bench. That number proved to be the difference in the game.

The next game for the Wildcats is against North Dakota on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

Men's basketball team finds surprise in Spradling



It pains me to say this, but I was wrong about Will Spradling.

I thought the freshman point guard would come, hit a few threes and remind K-State fans of Brady Morningstar and Tyrel Reed. You know, two of the best guards seen by K-State and the players who were drafted.

I thought Spradling's 18 minutes of spot duty against Virginia Tech was beginner's luck; I was wrong. After

watching Spradling play 23 outstanding minutes on the road against Washington State, I knew Spradling was more than some one-trick pony. He committed only one turnover in a game where committing turnovers was more in style than side ponytails in the '80s.

Prior to the season, head coach Frank Martin alluded to Spradling being as good as senior guard and preseason All-American Jacob Pullen. My initial thought was this: You mean to tell me that a scrawny kid from Kansas is going to be reminiscent of a player who scored 20 points, including 10 of 10 from the free throw line, against the eventual national champion KU Jayhawks?

I was more than skeptical about Frank's proclamation, but Spradling has shown plenty of flashes of being

as good as Pullen. He hit Gonzaga up for 13 points in the semifinals of the College Basketball Experience Classic. Against the Washington State Cougars, Spradling walked to the line with nearly everyone in the arena encouraging him to miss. The freshman calmly sunk the two free throws and went back and played defense. There was no celebration; the scoreboard said enough.

Now, before you expect Spradling to become the next Kruger or Henson, there are a few things Spradling still needs to work on.

He is in desperate need of another summer with strength and conditioning coach Scott Greenawalt. Washington State was able to exploit Spradling late in the game; the team attacked Spradling on three straight drives. Also, his body of work so far does not suggest

he will ever become an explosive scorer.

But this guy is still special. Martin has talked in length about Spradling being just a few months removed from his high school prom, but right now, Spradling has adequately replaced Denis Clemente as the primary ball-handler on a team with national championship aspirations.

Most freshman athletes are busy worrying about what grade they will get on their public speaking final. Let's just say Spradling has a few more things on his plate right now.

He has really been a pleasant surprise. There were probably some tempered expectations by the guard when he signed his letter of intent to play under Martin. I would assume he thought he could come in, hit a few threes, fill in for Pullen and take

a few charges.

Now, Spradling has received standing ovations when he enters the game, and his Facebook friend request inbox has likely been working overtime the past couple weeks. But before you expect Spradling to continue his meteoric rise, a road trip to Oklahoma State's Gallagher-Iba Arena looms in just more than a month.

A tough Big 12 Conference slate will be the perfect test for the freshman point guard. While defending players of one of the best leagues in the country may be slightly more challenging than getting a prom date, it can't be any less intimidating. Spradling is up for the challenge.

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Walk-on must balance school, game

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This article is part one in a series. Throughout the 2010 season, Sean Frye conducted multiple interviews with freshman wide receiver Ed Brown. This series provides a glimpse into the life of a walk-on football player.

Across the country, football is one of the most celebrated sports. From high school to college to the professional level, the sport and its most highly touted players are hoisted onto a social pedestal. At K-State, players like senior running back Daniel Thomas and senior defensive back Tysyn Hartman are the squad's biggest names and enjoy the benefit of a free college education, along with many others on the 105-man team.

However, there are players scattered throughout the team who do not get the full benefits that scholarship athletes do. Instead of having football provide a huge financial and social relief, players who earn the right to be walk-ons deal with all the social and financial pressures that come with being a college student in addition to the taxing schedule that being on a Big 12 Conference football team has. This is the story of Ed Brown, a freshman walk-on from this year's team who experienced many of the hardships and challenges that life has to offer during his first season as a Wildcat.

Hailing from Bradenton, Fla., Brown started as a wide receiver for Bradenton Prep Academy. However his recruitment, which failed to pick up until after his senior football season, came primarily from Division II schools. But one of his coaches from Florida had a K-State connection — the Wildcats' recruiting coordinator. Most have seen him, though they might not know it; remember the guy who is always running up and down the Wildcats' sideline, twirling a towel and hyping up players? That's him: Joe Gordon.

"One of my coaches back home knew Joe Gordon," Brown said. "K-State told me to send in an application, all my game film, a package of tasks to do, and I did everything the right way with no shortcuts."

So by noteworthy performance in high school and a connection between coaches, Brown received the opportunity to work out with the team in the summer. However, his spot on the 105-man roster was by no means guaranteed.

Brown arrived on campus May 30 and was immediately put on a grueling summer schedule with the team. He worked on schoolwork and practiced in the Kansas summer heat for nearly two months before receiving a text message from wide receiver coach Michael Smith. It was a list of names of all the wide receivers that had made the final roster for the season — and Brown's name was last on the list.

"It was one of the happiest moments of my life," Brown said. "I felt like I accomplished something, and I felt like the coaches knew who I was and they recognized my talent and my determination."

Having secured a spot on the team, Brown had to prepare for a fall semester of college. Because he is not a scholarship athlete, that preparation included gathering the financial means to pay for the education of a four-year university. Brown said his family is not the poorest of the poor, but is by no means able to dish out the money without a second thought.

Despite these struggles though, Brown said he understands that financial pressure is part of the territory that comes with being a walk-on player.

"It makes it a whole new game, being a walk-on," Brown said. "For now, I'm using student loans to pay for my first year here. I bet my mom is working extra as well, but she wouldn't tell me if she was."

Brown credited his mother and his family for many of the successes he has achieved both on and off the field. He is the oldest of five children. He has two brothers, a 17-year-old and a 1-year-old, and two sisters, both 16-year-olds. His mother has been married for five years now, which he said has provided Brown with some stability in his family life. As for his biological father, Brown said he only knows he lives in Bradenton.

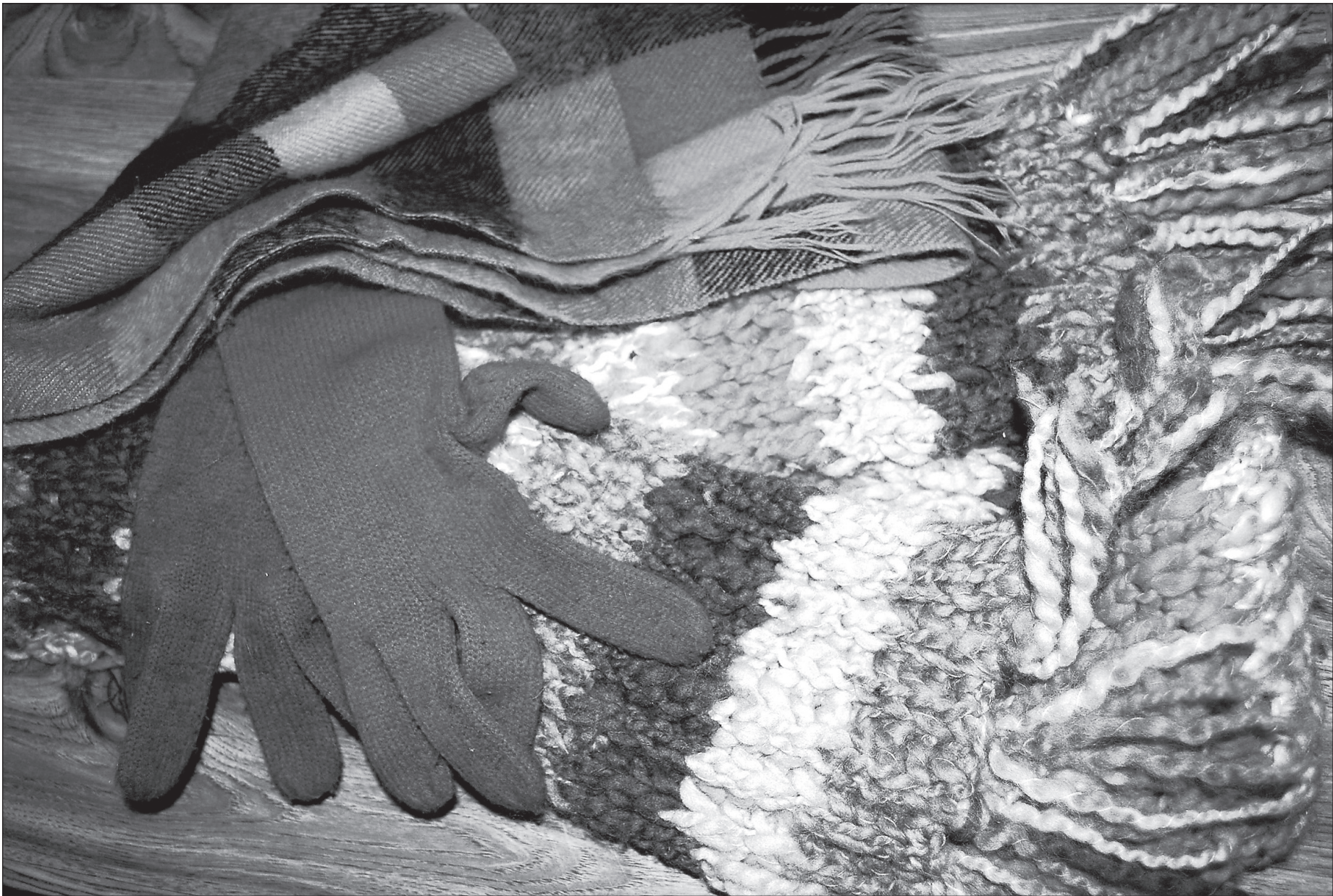
"I know he lives near me in Bradenton, but I'm not sure exactly where, to be honest," Brown said.

After a long summer and the commencement of fall semester classes, the first game of the season arrived. A nationally televised broadcast, the Wildcats played host to the UCLA Bruins, and the hype around campus was impossible to miss. For Brown, though, the game was to be a completely new experience for him.

"I had never been to a college game, period," he said. "So I knew that the UCLA game would be my first game both on and off the field. I was really excited."



HOLIDAY GIFTING



Heather Scott | Collegian

Scarves come in all different sizes, colors and materials, making them a good choice when shopping for an item that will fit a friend's taste for a holiday gift exchange.

Exchanges make presents more fun



Larissa Ost



Ariel Burruss

While the holidays are about giving thanks and being merry to those around you, another large portion is the gift-giving tradition. Some might say this part of Christmas has gotten a little out of hand — think Black Friday. This year, let's make giving gifts fun and enjoyable instead of breaking the bank — or body parts — fighting for a gift.

It's no secret that most of us are going through the issue of having almost no money; we are in college — it's expected. Different kinds of gift exchanges could help bring down the bill. Here are our ideas, from the most expensive to the least.

First, there is always the classic Christmas gift exchange — buying a gift for each individual person. Not only is it difficult finding gifts that will satisfy your friends and family, it gets very pricey. Don't worry; there are remedies.

Get your friends together and have a "Secret Santa" exchange to liven things up a bit by having everyone draw one person from the group, making sure they don't draw themselves. Put a limit on how much each person can spend, so the price is similar. Not only is it exciting to figure out who had your name in the end, it also takes away the stress of finding several different gifts.

Another idea that requires humor and originality is a "White Elephant" party, better known as gag gifting. Everyone exchanges the most useless gifts possible: gifts that often require nothing more than creativity. While not as glamorous as a normal exchange, they can be infinitely funnier.

Once the format is decided, the actual gift-giving part can be difficult, especially if you don't know sizing. If you're doing a gift exchange, make sure everyone writes down some gift options before you draw so everyone has an idea for gifts. If you don't get that luxury, don't fret — there are plenty of ways to get around gifting troubles.

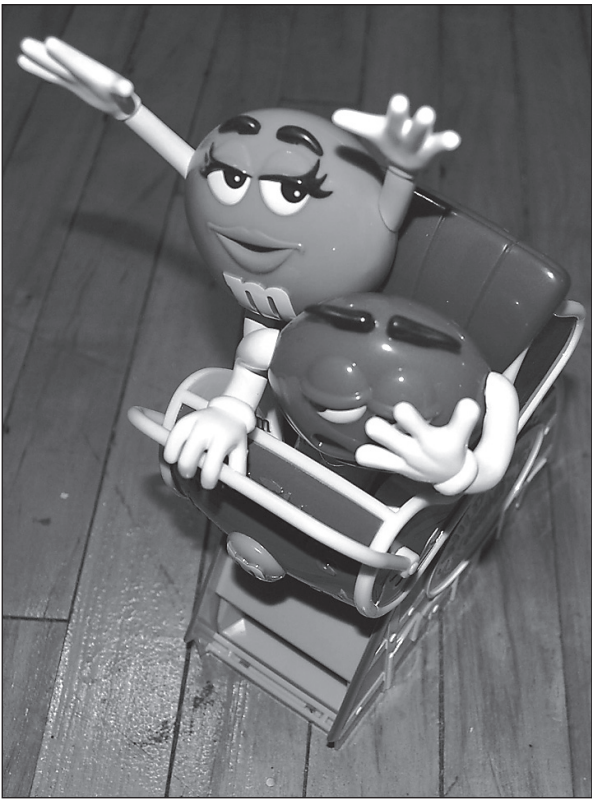
There are several options that don't require knowing a size, maybe just a color. Scarves, for example, come in so many different colors, sizes and materials that you are sure to find a version of this popular gift that will fit your friend or family member's exact taste.

Candles, perfumes, lotions and other scented gifts are always an easy go-to if you're running out of time or are clueless. If you're unsure, go for the candles or lotions because people are generally less particular about that scent than they are with perfumes.

Electronic goods can be another alternative. Package a DVD, a box of popcorn and candy inside a popcorn bowl for a themed gift that is always popular. An iTunes gift card or a gift card to the person's favorite store are also great.

Although gifting is a fun part of the holidays, don't let it make or break them. Being with your friends and family while celebrating this time of year is the most important gift.

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Random items, like this M&M dispenser, are useful for "White Elephant" exchanges, which involve gag gifts.



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Perfumes and scented items can make a great gift for anyone.



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Gift cards to restaurants, like Kansas City's Gates Bar-B-Q, or stores allow a person to treat themselves to a holiday present.

HOROSCOPES



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
And so dead week begins. Will it be your work load or your mind that dies by the weekend?



Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
When weather complaints come to mind, just remember December is supposed to be miserable.



Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Pre-finals preparation: popcorn, study, movie, sleep. Don't overstress yourself this week.



Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20
Holiday goodies will stop appearing on your kitchen counter if you stop making them.



Aries March 21 - April 19
See if you can get through your gift-giving list for less than \$50 total — it's possible.



Taurus April 20 - May 20
Use study breaks to create a plethora of tacky holiday garb to keep you warm as you study.



Gemini May 21 - June 20
It's cold outside. Find yourself a good snuggle buddy to study and cuddle with this week.



Cancer June 21 - July 22
Make a Happy Hanukkah sign and use it to honor anyone spending the Jewish holiday studying.



Leo July 23 - Aug. 22
Cockiness is not overly attractive; use that to your advantage when undesirables come around.



Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
Unlimited rolls of Scotch tape seems like a legitimate prize around this time of year.



Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Whether your dream is in an infant, teenage or adult stage, working hard can make it come true.



Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
No one knows exactly how or why; the only thing anyone knows is that it is.



Celebrations!

Births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries
and retirements of K-State



Couples celebrate over distance

Aubree LaRue
staff writer

For many American couples, the hardest part of celebrating a wedding anniversary is finding the perfect gift. However, for the thousands of military couples who spend anniversaries in separate continents, a phone call or a chance to talk over Skype means more than any piece of jewelry or getaway.

Kaili Maggard and Lynette Randolph are two Army wives stationed at Fort Riley who understand the joy of being able to spend a wedding anniversary in the same state. Kaili and her husband Jason will be celebrating their fourth wedding anniversary in April and she said she is already excited for the occasion, because this will only be the second anniversary the couple has spent in the same place since they married.

Their first anniversary fell during Jason's first deployment to Iraq. Although this is usually a romantic milestone for a couple, often including a romantic dinner or weekend away, Kaili and Jason talked over Skype and exchanged flowers, letters and gifts.

"You have to plan a month or more ahead of time if you're going to send a package, make a phone call or anything. Both of us actually had to plan to get up early or go to bed later — because of the time difference — just to get to talk to each other over the phone," Kaili said.

The Maggards spent their second anniversary with each other after Jason was sent to Kansas. Kaili said the two of them went to Kansas City, Mo., for a weekend and "really spoiled each other to make up for every anniversary we wouldn't be together."

Like the first, before their third anniversary, Jason was sent back to Iraq, where this time, the nine-hour time difference made it even more complicated to plan things on the actual day of their anniversary.



strong relationship.

The couple, which has an 8-month-old daughter together, will celebrate their third anniversary in February.

For their first anniversary, Brandon was gone training at Fort Eustis, Va. Lynnette said they did not really get to celebrate at all since he was in training, but she visited to celebrate his birthday that fell the next weekend.

photo illustration by Nathaniel LaRue

"You really have to lump birthdays and holidays together to celebrate them all with each other," she said.

As for their plans this February, as they mark three years together, while Brandon is still serving in Iraq, Lynnette said they will probably Skype since he will be coming home soon after.

"Anniversaries definitely mean more for military couples because you never know when they'll be training or deployed," Lynnette said.

Kaili agreed and said the Army's schedule is something a significant other needs to "roll with."

"It makes a marriage stronger to a degree; we fight better than most couples," Kaili said. "You have to learn to contain them. You can't freak out over the little stuff because he's not there to leave the toilet seat up or forget to empty the dishwasher, but you don't have the little everyday-contact either."

"It also makes a big difference to have been through a deployment. It helps to have other Army wives around who you don't have to explain how you feel to."

Lynette said she talks to Brandon on Skype every day, and Kaili said she hopes to Skype three to four times a week because of Jason's work shift in Iraq.

When they do get to physically be together on an anniversary, Kaili said it is even more important for military couples than regular civilians because they have to "take time just for us. Take a moment to enjoy the fact that

Chance meeting at theme party leads to love for one K-State pair



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Junior Jake Pitts filmed daily videos for his girlfriend, senior Erin Fisher, before he proposed.

Elena Buckner
edge editor

For some couples, love blossoms from an awkward chance encounter, a teenage crush or after years of friendship. For Jake Pitts and Erin Fisher, love began with some pop-and-lock dance moves.

Pitts, junior in social work, said the couple first met at a "prep"-themed house party hosted by Christian Challenge.

"We both like to dance," said Fisher, senior in family studies and human services. "Jake can pop and lock, and I saw him doing it, and I think that's what first made me interested in meeting him."

From there, things moved slowly for the couple. Fisher said she was not initially looking for a relationship but was content with her current friendships and spiritual relationship with God. She credits personal comfort as the reason she and Pitts got to know each other as friends before embarking on a romantic relationship.

For Pitts, however, the story was not exactly the same.

"When I first saw her at that party, I immediately knew she was someone I wanted to get to know better," he said.

Pitts added once he realized the two had a few mutual friends, he began working to find reasons for those particular people to all hang out.

After a couple of months of friendship and going on dates — including a "botched" first date, involving a closed movie theater and an aimless car ride full of chatting instead — the couple decided to take the next step in their relationship.

It was the day after Thanksgiving 2008 and the couple had gone to Kansas City to visit Pitts' family. That evening, while watching the Plaza Lighting Ceremony, an annual event when the holiday lighting turns on in the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., Pitts told Fisher he "really needed to be

her boyfriend."

Over the next two years, the couple continued to get to know each other.

"I've learned a lot from dating Erin," Pitts said. "We both have different passions and aims, and we've learned to ask ourselves, 'How does the other person feel love and how can I do that for that person?'"

After nearly two years of dating, both Pitts and Fisher said they felt confident they were supposed to marry each other.

"There was no real 'aha' moment," Fisher said. "It was more a continual process of a lot of trust and faith."

Sure of the need to take the next step, Pitts asked Fisher's mother for permission to marry her during a weeklong trip to Dallas to get to know her family. He then asked her father on another weeklong trip to see that side of Fisher's family. With the go-ahead from both parents, Pitts said he began ring shopping "immediately," taking two of Fisher's close friends with him.

He video recorded each trip, including his fifth trip to a jewelry store, when he finally brought Fisher along for input.

"It was really complicated," Pitts said. "Making sure none of the same people who I had talked to before would be working when I brought Erin so no one could recognize me and blow my cover that I'd been ring shopping before."

Instead of blowing his cover, Pitts played dumb on the excursion, asking questions to convince Fisher he was as new to the process as she was.

With the ring secretly chosen, Pitts began working on the actual proposal. For each of the seven days leading up to the proposal (Oct. 9-15, 2010), Pitts recorded a video documenting how he was feeling about the day. In one video, he filmed himself going to the Konza Prairie to choose a picnic location and pray for the big day to go well.

"I loved making the videos;

every morning I woke up, and the first thing I wanted to do was film one," Pitts said.

On the day of the proposal, Fisher said she could tell something was up because Pitts was "really quiet," yet she had no inkling he was going to propose.

"I thought he was going to propose on our two-year anniversary; in fact, I had just told some of my friends that's when I thought he was going to do it," Fisher explained. "He loves to surprise me, so I just thought he was going to surprise me with something other than a proposal."

After an afternoon filled with a bike ride and a picnic on the Konza, Pitts pulled out a stack of photos he'd had printed of various moments throughout their relationship. The second to last photo was of the couple on their first "official" date and the last photo was of their picnic blanket laid out in the exact spot where they were sitting.

"I thought it was a little creepy," Fisher said. "I didn't understand how he could already have a picture of this date."


Pitts explained, telling her the second to last picture was of the day he told her he needed to be her boyfriend, making the last a picture of the day he told her he needed to be her husband.


A tearful and shocked Fisher immediately said yes and the couple then enjoyed what Pitts called, "one of those moments of genuine happiness" as the sun set. They then went to an engagement party some friends had planned, including Fisher's best friend, who flew in from Alabama to celebrate with them.


The couple is planning a June 25, 2011, wedding and said they are simply enjoying being engaged and preparing for marriage.


"It's not important to me to freak out about the wedding," Fisher said with a smile. "We were best friends before, and we still are, and that's the important part, not what colors my bridesmaids will be wearing."

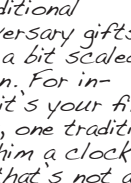
For couples celebrating apart, extravagant gifts aren't always the most practical. Here are five ideas to make separated anniversaries a little more special:

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1) Burn a CD of music from the wedding day and send it to him or her with a letter about how much your marriage means.
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2) Decorate and frame a copy of your wedding vows and send it to him or her in time for the big day.
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3) Cook an anniversary dinner on film so your spouse can see how much he or she means to you, then open presents on camera as well. You could also do this live via video chat.
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4) Plan a nice trip for when he or she gets back. Send photos, a travel guide or clues as to where and how you are traveling so he or she has something to get excited about, especially toward the end of a long deployment.
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5) Send "traditional" anniversary gifts, but a bit scaled down. For instance, if it's your first anniversary, one tradition is to give him a clock. However, that's not as practical overseas, so a nice durable watch might be a great choice.

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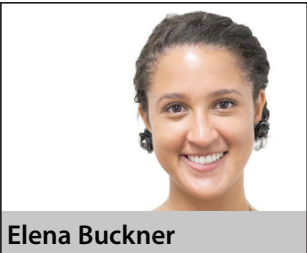


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Make effort to separate birthday, holiday festivities for those born in December



Elena Buckner

Whether Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Wiccan or any other variety of religion, December is undoubtedly one of the worst months for birthdays. Even atheists run into problems with birthdays that fall near the holidays, as many friends and family members have holiday-related family obligations, making it complicated to plan a party around their schedules.

There are a few categories of concern in this area. As a parent, treating little Tina or Timmy as an individual on their birthday will go a long way to help them separate themselves from the hustle and bustle of the holidays. In addition, avoiding the cardinal sin of holiday/

birthday gift giving is important: combining gifts. Seek out gifts for the two events separately as if they were months apart, and do not meld them into one large gift unless specifically asked to do so. After all, sometimes the mere experience of opening multiple packages is just as important as what is inside the package.

For a person with a holiday birthday, never fear, people are still glad to celebrate a day of birth, even when they have a million other Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah parties to go to. The tricky thing is balancing birthday time with friends' other obligations. Schedule something a couple of weeks in advance and be flexible with the timing — understand someone might be able to come at 7 p.m. but have to leave to be somewhere else by 9 p.m. Know time spent at a birthday festivity does not always have a direct correlation to how much a person cares about the actual event. Another useful way of keeping a birthday separate from, for example, Christmas gifts, is to create two

separate wish lists. Depending on how gifts traditionally run in the family, one list might have slightly bigger or more expensive items than the other. For example, a birthday list might have things like clothes, movies, music and a new bottle of perfume or cologne, while a Christmas list might include a new digital camera, an iPod or a new computer.

Friends, siblings and extended family of a holiday birthday celebrant should work hard to accommodate birthday parties and gift requests, without continual mentions of the nearest holiday. Even when leaving early to go to another holiday event, make sure to sincerely wish the person a happy birthday and take a few minutes to discuss the birthday and how it's been for them before donning a tacky sweater and running to a party where everyone else is similarly clad.

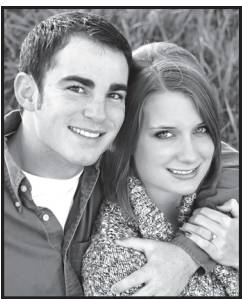
For a woman giving birth during the holidays, take advantage of the extra cheer and generosity in the air to make the transition from pregnant

womanhood to new baby motherhood a bit smoother. Hospital rooms are easily "holiday-ized" with small menorah candles or some Kwanzaa-appropriate fabrics, and it's hard to deny that holiday-themed baby clothes are some of the cutest garments on the market. Take advantage of the first few weeks of inertia from the new bundle of joy and dress them as a snowflake on a regular basis.

No matter who you are, remember that birthdays during a holiday season are completely separate from a holiday during a holiday season — unless, for Christians, the birthday is the birth of Jesus Christ — and treat them as such. Find a gift that is personality-appropriate and not seasonally themed, take a moment to write a nice "happy birthday" card mailed separately from the "season's greetings" card and get ready to celebrate a birthday.

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Engagements



Dorsey – Sylvester

Rachel Marie Dorsey, senior in education, secondary English and journalism, and Wesley James Sylvester, 2010 K-State graduate with a degree in accounting, announce their engagement.

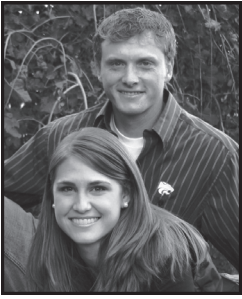
Rachel is the daughter of Floyd and Crista Dorsey, Emporia, Kan., and Wesley is the son of Ron and Angela Sylvester, Ottawa, Kan. They plan a May 21, 2011 wedding.



Peak – Holden

Janet Peak, K-State student in family and consumer science education, and Micah Holden, K-State student in computer science, announce their engagement.

Janet is the daughter of Darrell and Gina Peak, Scammon, Kan., and Micah is the son of Bill and Cathy Holden, Weir, Kan. They plan to wed in the winter of 2011.



Schultz – Warner

Brook Schultz, senior in horticulture-landscape design, and Travis Warner, May 2010 K-State graduate in animal science, announce their engagement.

Brook is the daughter of Kevin and Vera Schultz, Trousdale, Kan., and Travis is the son of Randall and Linda Warner, Lebanon, KS. They plan a June 11, 2011 wedding, Trousdale, Kan.

Anniversaries



Wille

Emery and LoRene (Straub) Wille, Manhattan, Kan. were united in marriage on Dec. 26, 1950, by the Most Reverent Father J.E. Biehler, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Flush, Kan.

Emery worked as a Certified Auto Technician and Service Manager for Brewer Motor Company for 30 years.

LoRene has been a Homemaker and Child Care Provider for the Manhattan area for 40 years and together they continue to offer a loving

childcare environment in their home.

This union has been blessed with 10 children, 33 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The couple will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary with an open house reception hosted by their children (spouses) and grandchildren, on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010 from 1-3 p.m. at the Colonial Gardens Community Center, 3050 Tuttle Creek Blvd., North of Manhattan. No gifts please, but cards with fond memories are welcomed.

Retirements



Herrman

Captain Richard Herrman is retiring after 37 years of service at the Kansas State University Police Department. He began his service in March 1973. Please join us for a reception in honor of Captain Herrman Dec. 8 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Sunflower Room located in the K-State Student Union. Everyone is invited.



Connaughton

Jack Connaughton came to K-State as the Assistant Director of the Union in November 1980 from the Universities of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Wisconsin-Lacrosse. He was promoted to Associate Director/Director of Operations in 1999. Connaughton's position at the Union involved supervision of the building, from day-to-day operations and custodial services to customer satisfaction and the coordination of all events. He and his wife, Georgeann, moved to LaCrosse, Wisc. area. They plan to travel, do volunteer work and reconnect with their alma mater. The Union awarded Connaughton a career achievement award in honor of his 30 years of direction, dedication, and service. Jack was honored by Union renaming the bowling lanes the "Jack Connaughton Lanes."

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there is just us."

While many couples focus on searching for the perfect tangible memento of another year together, the best anniversary gift for these couples is simply being together. Having the chance to see each other face-to-face and celebrating making it through another year, as well as the precious few memories made with each other, means the world to the Maggard's and Randolph's.

Dating a best friend has perks

Chelsea Tirrell
The Hofstra Chronicle

They say you should marry your best friend, but that's a bit hazy. Should you marry the person who has become your best friend, or should you marry the person who has always been there as your best friend?

Of course, marriage probably isn't in the very near future for many of us. It is still important to consider the future before diving into a relationship with someone you had previously acknowledged as "just a friend."

It takes time for someone to become your best friend. There are hundreds of conversations, arguments and cycles of growth throughout. At the end of it all, you have learned enough about them and have been there for them enough that you know there's no denying that you would do anything for them.

Most people are overjoyed at this revelation, but others are left confused — particu-

larly because they have started to have romantic feelings for their best friend. It seems like uncharted territory, but if the feelings are mutual, I say go for it.

It's true that starting a relationship could end up hurting your friendship in the end. If one of you makes a mistake, you will live with the consequences eternally because you will be losing a best friend. On the other hand, if both of you behave, things could end cleanly. Neither of you will want to move forward without the other, making the breakup a little more tolerable.

Things could also turn awkward. If neither of you are sure how to make the transition from friends to more, tensions rise and uncertainty looms. That's where the fact that a person is your best friend helps. You are comfortable enough with them that you can openly talk to them about what is on your mind.

You are also able to skip the, "What's your favorite color/hometown?" conversa-

tion and general small talk on the first official date. The conversation can head straight to deeper material that ultimately will reveal more about character.

Talking about your day is also an option; your friend already knows the people and day-to-day activities in your life, making it an easy topic to discuss.

Think about one of your best friends now — one that you don't picture yourself dating. They know you inside and out and you could not be happier spending time with them. If you happened to date this type of person, there should not be a problem.

The one you love should be your whole world and often, our best friends are. You can't help who you want to be involved with.

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Faculty of K-State program work to increase wheat demand abroad

**Associate director:
Russian drought of 2010
contributes to disruption
in the global market**

Lisa Moser
K-State Research & Extension

In an effort to generate further interest in Kansas and U.S. wheat, K-State's International Grains Program Associate Director Mark Fowler and Program Specialist Carlos Campabadal travel the globe attending conferences and promoting the attributes of American wheat.

"Our purpose in attending these meetings is to generate

a preference for Kansas wheat when we talk with buyers regarding current crop quality and availability," Fowler said.

Campabadal agreed.

"We are here to help international wheat buyers learn about Kansas wheat."

Fowler and Campabadal worked together and independently in Latin and South America in October and November. Both attended the International Association of Operative Millers Latin American Millers conference in Cartagena, Columbia. Fowler also attended the Association of Brazilian Industry of Wheat (ABITRIGO) meetings in Gamado, Brazil, and conducted a seminar at Senai, which is the Center for Industrial Training

of Milling and Baking Operators held in Fortaleza, Brazil. Most recently, Fowler participated in the Middle East/Africa International Association of Operative Millers Technical Conference in Cape Town, South Africa.

"At these conferences, we work to demonstrate the consistency of both quantity and quality in a global market that has seen increased volatility in prices due to drastic changes in world supply," Fowler said.

He said the 2010 drought in Russia is one of the key disruptions to the global market.

Traveling to these meetings allows program faculty to interact with key customers all along the supply chain.

"At ABITRIGO, we inter-

acted with an expanded audience starting with the farmer

"Our purpose in attending these meetings is to generate a preference for Kansas wheat."

Mark Fowler
associate director,
K-State's International
Grains Program

all the way through the baking and retail professionals,"

Fowler said.

He also said at some of the other conferences, Fowler spent time talking with mill owners, general mill managers, managing directors and senior milling executives.

Fowler and Campabadal said they gained knowledge in attending these conferences that will carry over to the program's short course trainings.

"In Latin America, we discussed course partnerships and online distance education opportunities. We are working to create a custom workshop for the Mexican National Flour Milling Board that will be conducted at IGP," Campabadal said.

By bringing wheat customers to the program from Mexico,

Campabadal said he believes it will help reinforce the preference for U.S. wheat. He stressed this is a critical market because Mexico is the top buyer of U.S. wheat in Latin America.

This type of travel is sponsored by K-State as well as through funding dollars given to the program by Kansas wheat producers. Fowler said he is grateful for the financial support that allows these types of trips and interactions with the international wheat customers.

"For our stakeholders, we maintain an awareness of the U.S. crop situation in the international market. This is critical as informed buyers are more loyal customers of U.S. wheat," he said.

Sugar coating



Two judges decide on the best graham cracker houses during an event put on at the Thomas J. Frith Community Center at Jardine Apartments on Friday night.

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ART | Museum extends education

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crafts with the kids and helping them," Gentzler said. "Some of the kids attend every year."

She said she enjoys seeing the familiar faces and how happy the kids get when they see what they get to make.

Misty Miller, a Manhattan resident, said she has never attended the workshop before and that her son Connor, age 7, is the reason she attended this year.

"He loves art," Miller said. "It's his favorite subject in school."

She said she is a big advocate for education and believes it starts in the home.

"We love making crafts together at home," Miller said. She said she plans to attend this event next year with Connor and also plans to attend the Valentine's workshop.

For a fee of \$5, children who attended could make holiday-themed crafts, including reindeer made out of clothes pins, holiday cards and ornaments.

All the supplies were provided for the kids, who could select different craft items to personalize the art projects they made.

"I think it's neat to look around and see all the different art and how creative the children can be," Miller said.



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Angela Lara helps Noah, her son, finish a Rudolph at the Family Holiday Workshop at the Beach Museum of Art on Sunday afternoon. Participants for the event overflowed from the designated room into the hallway.

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ensembles from evening gowns to swimsuits. The vast array of challenges forced participants to begin their preparations months ago. "I started the pageant kind of late, and I still started in August. We've been practicing a long time," said Alexia Sampson, freshman in animal sciences and industry. "It

Ashley Cavazos, sophomore in agricultural communications and journalism, competes in Alpha Phi Alpha's Miss Black and Gold Pageant on Saturday evening. Cavazos won this year's pageant and a \$500 scholarship.

Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian

was a lot of fun to get to know the other girls."

Over the course of their semester-long preparations, participants grew from competitors contending for the same prize to a system of mutual support and encouragement.

"This really didn't feel like a competition by the end," said DaJa Brette, freshman in journalism and mass communications. "We helped each other out by giving each other comfort, like saying, 'Girl, you can do this.'"

The sisterly support did not end once the pageant began. Even backstage amid the pandemonium, participants helped each other survive the rapid costume changes and talent show preparations.

"There were accessories, shoes

and makeup everywhere. People were asking each other to zip each other up, help out with nails, hair. It was chaotic," Brette said. "It was just everybody helping everybody."

After personal introductions and the swimsuit portion of the pageant, contestants were each given an opportunity to display a talent of their choice. Demonstrations ranged from readings of original poetry to carefully choreographed dances.

"I danced to 'Hometown Glory.' I've always wanted to dance to that song," Sampson said. "I didn't have any help preparing for it. It was self-choreographed. It just sort of happened."

The pageant peaked with the crowning of Miss Black and Gold, an honor that included the opportunity to compete at the state pageant

and a \$500 book scholarship. Ashley Cavazos, sophomore in agricultural communications and journalism, was this year's winner.

"It feels really cool. I worked hard, and I'm just glad all my hard work paid off," Cavazos said. "All of the girls were great."

In the end, deciding a winner wasn't as important as paying recognition to deserving women, said Bryon Williams, K-State admissions representative and one of the hosts for the pageant.

"There are a lot of stereotypes of what beauty is or should be, and sometimes those don't line up with what the African American community appreciates," Williams said. "This pageant showed the different shades of beauty in the African American community."

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Tiffany Roney
senior staff writer

More than 1,500 Manhattan-area residents took a journey across the Middle East this weekend. They did not travel by air or ship, but rather, by foot, over a winding dirt path. They took the journey of Bethlehem Revisited.

A morphing event

Bethlehem Revisited is an annual outdoor event hosted by Grace Baptist Church with more than 100 anciently dressed actors and live sheep and goats. The event has taken place on the land of Judd Swihart, a Keats, Kan., resident, for more than 15 years. "When it was smaller, when there were 150 or so people who would come, we seated them in the barn, but eventually we realized some people couldn't see or hear, so we broke them into groups," Swihart said.

Swihart and his team continue to add more repeated tours to keep visitor groups small, more stations to provide historical information and more actors to meet the demands of a growing audience, he said.

"People like to come and hear the story of the birth and life of Jesus, and we just keep getting a lot of requests and comment cards — people thanking us and saying 'do it again' — so we just continue to do it," Swihart said.

Though the event has morphed over the years, one thing has stayed the same: the central message of reconciliation with God through his son Jesus.

Story of redemption

The event started in the town hall of Keats City Park with cookies, hot chocolate and seasonal hymns. Buses took attendees in groups of 20 to the dirt path where the journey began.

Brent Pinkall, tour guide of Bethlehem Revisited and senior in journalism and mass communications, said the event was a journey through the Old Testament, with prophecies about the coming Messiah standing as landmarks to point the way to Jesus. Though the first prophet Pinkall introduced was Moses, one of the most prevalent men of the Torah, Pinkall said the story truly began in Eden, when mankind first rebelled against God. "They disobeyed and rebelled,

refusing to submit to God and instead wanting to become their own god, and we have all followed their example," he said. "Because God is just and holy and cannot dwell with evil, he separated himself from them and brought punishment on mankind."

But God did not abandon humanity, Pinkall said.

"Even from the beginning, he provided a message of hope for redemption and reconciliation," he said.

Historical elements

Attendees stood silently as ancient Jewish text flowed from the mouths of highly regarded prophets like David, Isaiah and Micah, and even from the political leader Caesar Augustus, all played by local volunteers.

A man acting as David, clothed in a wool robe, holding a wooden staff and standing behind a small bonfire, shared the following prophecy: "The stone that the builders rejected has become a cornerstone," he said. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

Hannah Chavers, junior in family studies and human services and life sciences, said the "olden times" dialect helped transport her to that archaic era, the holy land that is both ancient and now-existing.

"How they talked — that made it seem more real to me," Chavers said. "That, and just knowing and seeing their passion for it; you could tell they knew what they were saying."

The group then continued on up the trail behind Pinkall with his lantern, and stopped at the site of the prophet Isaiah.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be on his shoulder, and his name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace," the actor said.

The next prophet, Micah, spoke of the coming Messiah's magnificent peace and rule and declared that he would be born in Bethlehem, where, according to many religious, political and historical texts, Jesus was born 700 years later.

Deeper meaning

Pinkall said because of words in the prophecies like "prince" and "rule," many people thought the Messiah was going to be an earthly king — a political and military leader who would de-

stroy Israel's enemies and bring peace. However, Pinkall said these verses are much deeper than their surface meaning.

"Jesus said that his kingdom is not of this world," Pinkall said. "This king isn't one who came to conquer nations, but one who came to die for nations and to rule in the hearts of his people. He said he came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Dan Walter, actor in the event and Manhattan resident, expounded upon this concept.

"The people of his day were looking for a military deliverer to free them from the tyranny of Roman occupation, but they failed to recognize Jesus, the prince of peace, who had come to liberate their souls," Walter said.

Invitation to all

Pinkall said while many people missed the weight and glory of Jesus' birth 2,000 years ago, Manhattan residents do not have to miss it now, in 2010.

He said there is no amount of good works that can make up for all mankind's sins against God or to allow people to earn their way into heaven. He said the only hope is to trust in Jesus.

The group sat in pairs and trios on bales of hay, clustered in a wood cabin much like something that would be found in a painting of the Christmas story, and Pinkall led the group in a prayer to make that exchange.

The journey's end

While the rising action of the Christmas story may seem to occur in the prophecies, with the climax at Jesus' birth, the Bethlehem Revisited presentation treated Jesus' birth not as the final climax, but as a new chapter opening to his life, death and resurrection.

Chavers said after the event, "When I think back on it now, I think what stood out to me the most was the man that was talking about the story of the cross — how Jesus was beaten and bruised, and how he ultimately died for us."

After the presentation about the cross, the group gazed upon an empty tomb, a stone-block cellar dug in the ground of Swihart's land, filled with twinkling tea light candles. Chavers said she appreciated the immediate pairing of the cross with the tomb.

"That whole story means the world to me — it's what my life is based on," she said.



Brent Pinkall, senior in journalism and mass communications, (left) turns the show over to a local actor playing Micah, an Old Testament prophet. This scene was part of Bethlehem Revisited, a Christmas event attended by more than 1,500 people.

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TUESDAY/THURSDAY Business and Economic Statistics I STAT 350 15145 5:30-7:20 p.m.	Business and Economic Statistics II STAT 351 15148 5:30-7:20 p.m.
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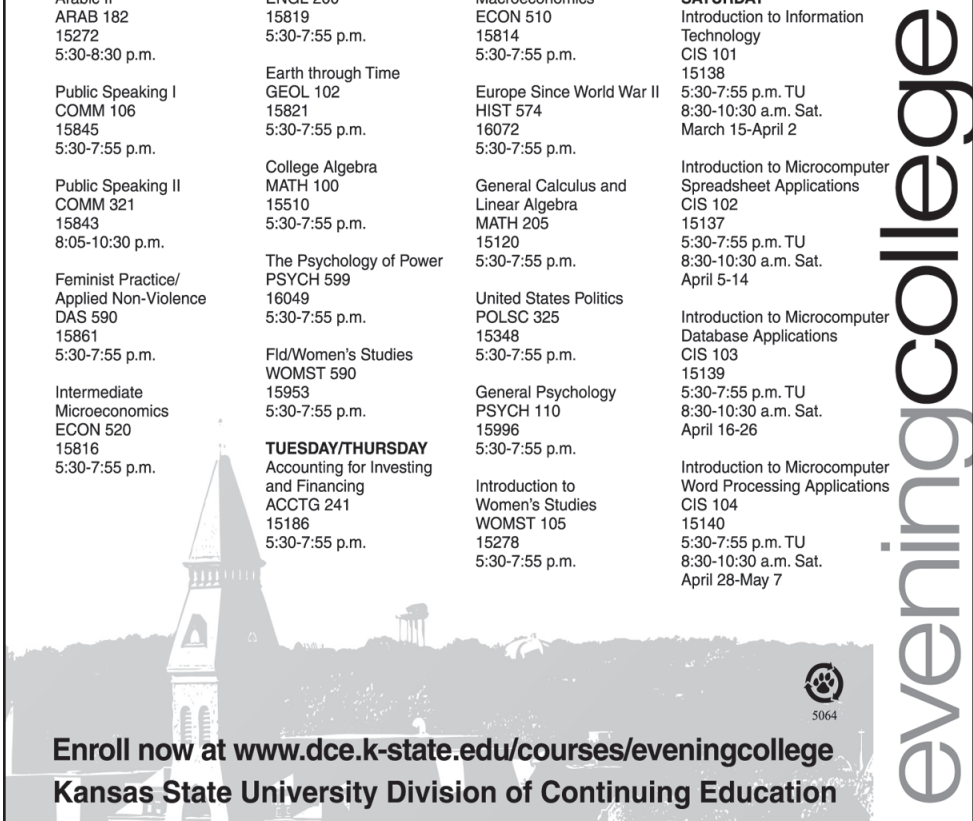
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